

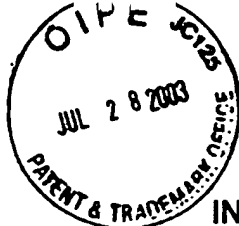


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Applicant(s): Wing, et al.					
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Invention: OBTURATOR AND CANNULA FOR A TROCAR ADAPTED FOR EASE OF INSERTION AND REMOVAL					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003. Since this Response is being filed on or before August 8, 2003, this Response is being timely filed and the payment of extension fees is not required.

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The following Amendment is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format under the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as issued by the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy on January 31, 2003.

The Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered prior to further examination of the above-referenced application.